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Dear Justice:

Please let us not be foolish. It is clear that the Microsoft plan of "donating" free 'old' computers and new MICROSOFT software to schools is nothing but a scam of the sleeziest kind. The whole point of the suit was monopoly, and this will simply further entrench such a monopoly. Microsoft co. is apparently betting that the public, and Justice, really are as dumb as we have appeared to be in recent years. However, this is just too obvious to let pass. Once the schools have Windoze, they will be locked in to Windoze. A donation now is a sale later. I repeat: this is a scam of the sleaziest kind. Only a company with ethics as low and/or non-existent as Microsoft could attempt such an act. I urge you to reject this proposal. If Microsoft donates something, let it be cold, hard cash equal in amount to the educational market cost of the software + 'old' computers which they are currently attempting to unload in this plan. However, I would rather just see them fined heavily, and the money put into a fund for poor schools, which the schools could then use as they see fit (such as hiring more real, live teachers!!)

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